

As Herb begins his second 50 years at The Post, he has lost none of his dynamic energy and original insight. He is going as strong as ever and, as a matter of fact, has just published his 12th book. It's about his cat Bella and, as usual, it's just wonderful. Herb does caricature the cat, but I don't think Don Graham and Meg Greenfield will hear from her in protest.

In fact, Bella has proven she's more than a match for Herb. For example, she is known to complain about Herb's legendary propensity to live in a rat's nest of old newspapers and magazines, discarded clothes and paint brushes and pencils. "We cats are neat," Bella is alleged to have said, while frowning on those who are not.

Now maybe Herb knows what it feels like to have a cat by the tail. It's a privilege, a pleasure and an honor we all have loved and treasured.

TRIBUTE TO NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO, CA

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 3, 1996

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today in celebration of San Diego's outstanding institutions of higher learning. In 1996, National University will celebrate its 25th anniversary. The year-long celebration will officially commence with an academic assembly on Thursday, January 26, 1996.

National University is a nonprofit, accredited institution of higher learning that specializes in meeting the educational needs of adult learners in California. National University is the only university in California offering a unique, one-course-per-month format. The university offers 45 degree programs and a number of teacher credential programs, and its expanding Department of Continuing Education and Educational Services provides nonacademic, customized training and professional development programs to meet the specific objectives of businesses throughout the state. National has a full-time enrollment of approximately 7,800 and 101 full-time faculty members.

The estimated 45,000 alumni of National University have reason to be proud of their affiliation with the university. National has been named one of the best universities in the western United States for two consecutive years by U.S. News and World Report. In 1995 the university received one of six nationwide Creative Restructuring in Higher Education Special Merit Awards from the American Association of University Administrators. Last year, the American Association of University Administrators recognized National's accomplishments through a special award presented at its annual convention. The university also received a Total Excellence in Management Award from the San Diego Business Journal for the excellence of its management.

The university has developed its tone and direction for the next 5 years in "NU 2000." This plan represents a year of discussion and formulation by the people at National. The main objective is to create the premier institution for adult learners by the year 2000. With the continued dedication of its students, faculty, and administrators, the excellent National University will continue maturing into the visionary institution it aspires to be.

NEW YORK CITY VETERANS ARE ANGRY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 3, 1996

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, having just returned from the Christmas recess, I can report that the veterans of New York City are angry. They are angry because the VA budget has been slashed. They are angry because the Government shutdown is affecting services. They are angry because they believe that after all the sacrifices they and their families have made for our country, our Nation is turning its back on them.

I would like to submit for the record a statement put out on December 26, 1995 by Col. Bernard Wray and the United War Veterans Council of New York County. It is indeed sobering reading for those of us who support our Nation's veterans.

NEW YORK VETERANS' COMMUNITY OUTRAGED BY UNNEEDED REDUCTION IN VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION SERVICES TO VETERANS IN NEED!

The United War Veterans' Council of New York County which was first incorporated by Union Veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic in New York County, in 1895, to help aging Civil War Veterans, and which now consists of fifty-five separate Veterans and Patriotic organizations, issues this distress call to all concerned members of the Veterans' Community, and to their families and friends:

Never, during the past 100 years have war veterans, men and women, been treated with the disdain and disrespect that we see in this run-away session of Congress. Now is the time for our 16 million War Veterans and their families to demand full restoration of all VA services, and full restoration to their jobs of all VA service providers!

It should be noted by all veterans, that the House of Representatives cut the VA allocation requested by the President by one billion dollars. This is one twentieth of the 20 billion dollars appropriated by this session of Congress for twenty B-2 bombers, which the Air Force does not even want or need in its aircraft stock.

Now is the Time for all Veterans to step forward in all 435 Congressional Districts, and to spell out in the clearest terms, to all Representatives, regardless of party affiliation, that they will be held to strict accountability at the 1996 elections, should they break faith with the Veterans' community. Full restoration of Veterans' Benefits and Veterans' Health Care is non-negotiable. It was a Contract bought and paid for with the blood, sweat and tears of millions of American Veterans.

Meanwhile, we call for all members of Congress, and their staffs to agree to receive no further pay, while the Veterans and their service providers are being asked to make sacrifices. We also call upon Corporate America to share in the sacrifices of the War

Veterans of America on this the 50th Anniversary of Victory in World War II.
Semper Fi'

IN HONOR OF EL MUNDO—CELEBRATING 5 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 3, 1996

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor El Mundo Hispanoamericano, celebrating 5 years of distinguished and reliable reporting and community service. El Mundo was founded in 1990 with a commitment to report on all aspects of the Hispanic community throughout New Jersey.

El Mundo Hispanoamericano commemorated its anniversary on Wednesday, December 20, 1995. For 5 years, El Mundo has been providing the Hispanic community with vital information about the world around them and their native lands. El Mundo prides itself as an advocate for the Hispanic community, defending issues and interests that are of importance to the people.

They have covered the good news and the bad news. When municipal or State services were not up to par, they wrote about it. When government and individuals did something positive for the community, they wrote about it too. They have served as an integral link between the Government and the community.

Even though, the founders, Ney Bravo and his family, are Ecuadoran, El Mundo reports on all of Latin America. The newspaper covers issues of concern to all immigrants from the Caribbean, Central, and South America. It does so with sensitivity and care. Ethnic newspapers like El Mundo provide a vital source of information to the Hispanic community about their native lands. Such newspapers help a community establish themselves in this great Nation.

It is an honor to recognize El Mundo, a newspaper that provides accurate news coverage to the people I represent. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring El Mundo for its faithful service to the Hispanic community.

THE GUATEMALAN ELECTIONS

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 3, 1996

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, the participation of citizens in free and fair elections, and their faith in the legitimacy of the subsequent electoral results, are fundamental to all democracies. No participatory democracy is able to survive if its citizens do not have faith in the electoral process. To be able to ensure that democracy continues to take root and flourish throughout the Western Hemisphere, we must do all within our power to encourage the development of conditions that inspire faith in electoral processes throughout the Americas.

To that end, as it attempted to do in Haiti, the Clinton administration should do what it can to ensure to the Guatemalan people, that the second round of elections scheduled to